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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 21 and 22 as follows:

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21. A method according to claim 1, wherein the smooth portion of the outer surface of the shoe is comprised of plastic.

22. A decorated shoe according to claim 11, wherein the smooth portion of the outer surface of the shoe is comprised of plastic.

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 to 9, 11 to 19, 21 and 22 are now pending in the application, with claims 1 and 11 being the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4 to 9, 11 and 15 to 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over a Web page for "Creative Crystal" (hereafter, Creative Crystal) in view of the packaging label for "SkinWear Temporary Tattoos" (hereafter, SkinWear) and vice versa; and claims 12 to 14 were rejected under § 103(a) over Creative Crystal and SkinWear in view of U.S. Patent 4,697,362 (Wasserman). Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested for the following reasons.